



## Washington State Liquor Control Board

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January 4, 2010

Name of Tribal Chair  
Name of Tribe  
Address  
City, State, Zip

Dear Name of Tribal Chair:

In April 2009, the Washington State Liquor Control Board (LCB) extended invitations to tribal leaders to participate in two work groups, in which 14 tribes participated, that were aimed at understanding and addressing concerns and issues regarding the LCB's licensing and business enterprise policies.

One of the workgroups focused on the policies and procedures surrounding the selection of contract, state and tribal liquor store locations. Workgroup members included a cross section of tribal stakeholders and agency staff. We've developed a new process which includes a step to notify Tribes of potential new stores and allow time to respond with any interest or concerns in that location. Part of our challenge has been the difficulty for the LCB to know where all tribal land is located. We have worked with the Office of Indian Affairs to acquire current maps which identify reservation and trust lands. A recommendation of the work group meeting was to also have the LCB request from all tribes on a voluntary basis any areas of interest identified by zip code where tribes have a potential interest or concern in future liquor store location. The LCB will compile responses from all tribes and refer to this record in providing notification of future liquor store locations.

We have also attached for your information copies of the agency's government to government consultation policy, the LCB store siting policy and notification guidelines. These policies and guidelines are an outcome of the tribal workgroup efforts.

If you are interested in providing us with areas of interest by zip code so we can include you in future notification, please e-mail your information to our Leasing Manager, Suzanne Lewis at [sm@liq.wa.gov](mailto:sm@liq.wa.gov) by **February 8, 2010**. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Pat McLaughlin, Director of Business Enterprise, at your convenience. He can be reached at 360-664-1689 or by e-mail at [pdm@liq.wa.gov](mailto:pdm@liq.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Sharon Foster  
Chairman

cc: Craig Bill, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs  
Ruthann Kurose, Board Member  
Pat Kohler, Administrative Director  
Rick Garza, Deputy Administrative Director  
Pat McLaughlin, Director of Business Enterprise  
Suzanne Lewis, Leasing Manager

Attachments: Government to Government Consultation Policy  
Store Siting Policy and Notification Process